

**REMARKS**

Claims 22-29 and 45-56 have been cancelled.

A "Related Applications" paragraph has been amended.

This amendment introduces no new matter.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

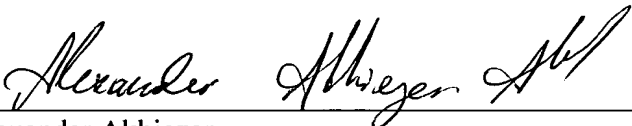
An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith.  
Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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